

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 14, 17, and 19-21 were pending in the present application prior to entry of the present Amendment. Claim 14 has been canceled herein. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 17, and 19-21 are therefore currently pending. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and consideration of the present application as amended herein.

In the Office Action Summary page of the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 14, 17, and 19-21 were indicated as being rejected. The remainder of the Office Action, however, set out grounds of rejection only for claims 5, 6, 14, 19, and 20. In view of this, the Applicant's comments below address only the rejections of claims 5, 6, 14, 19, and 20 that are set out in the Office Action. In addition, since no grounds of rejection were set out for claims 1, 2, 12, 17 and 21, these claims are believed to be allowed or allowable. If any objections to these claims remain outstanding, the Applicant respectfully requests that it be given an opportunity to address them.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 was objected to because of an informality. Claim 14 has been canceled, making this ground of objection moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this ground of objection to the claims be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5, 6, 14, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 14 has been canceled, and claims 5, 6, 19, and 20 have been amended in order to address this ground of rejection. No new matter has been added to this application by the amendments made herein, with support being found in the specification, claims and figures as filed. In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 5, 6, 14, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over several prior art references. Claim 14 has been canceled, making this ground of rejection moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the currently pending claims, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 17, and 19-21, are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is thus respectfully requested. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees due in connection with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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